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It was a sunny morning at the Big Blue House. Bear was on the porch talking to his friend Ray.

"Doc Hogg should be here any minute," Bear said.

"Doc Hogg?" Ray said. "Is someone feeling under the weather?"

"No, no, Ray. Everyone is fine," Bear assured him. "Doc Hogg is coming because today is Checkup Day."

"Ah," Ray said. "That's when the doctor checks to make sure you're healthy. Isn't that right, Bear?"

"That's right," Bear said with a chuckle. "Well, I'd better go get ready for Doc Hogg's visit. Good-bye, Ray!"





Inside, everyone was waiting for Doc Hogg to arrive.

"I just ran around the kitchen three times. Three times, Bear!"
Tutter announced when Bear came into the room. "This mouse
wants to be in tip-top shape for his checkup."



Pip and Pop were pretending to be doctors.

"Calling Dr. Pop!" shouted Pip.

"Calling Dr. Pip!" shouted Pop. "Please report to the living room!"

Everyone was excited for their checkups. Everyone except Ojo.

"Snowbear and I don't really need a checkup. See you later, Bear,"

Ojo said as she started walking toward the door.

Just then, the doorbell rang.





It was Doc Hogg!

"How do you do, Bear?" Doc Hogg said as he hurried inside.
"No time to chat. I've got to check up on the little ones and see how they're doing."

"Hey, Doc Hogg!" Bear's friends shouted when the doctor came into the room.

"Hello there!" Doc Hogg answered. He looked around the room. "My, my. What a healthy-looking bunch of critters. Well then, what do you say we get started?"





"Just like that?" Tutter asked.

"Just like that!" Doc Hogg replied. He opened his bag and took out something that looked like a big popsicle stick. "All right! Everyone stick out your tongues and say 'Ah!'"

"Ahhh!" everyone said.



Doc Hogg's bag was full of special things, which he used to check Bear's friends from their noses to their toes. He listened to their chests . . .





and looked in their ears.

He tapped their knees . . .





and measured to see how tall everyone had grown.

"By golly, Treelo," the doctor said. "You're a whole inch taller than the last time I saw you!"

"Way to grow, Treelo!" Bear cheered.

Suddenly, Bear looked around. "Where's Ojo?" he asked.
"Where could she be? I've got to find her."





In the bedroom, Bear saw an Ojo-shaped lump in the bed. "Ojo, is that you under the covers?" Bear asked the lump.

"Oh, hi, Bear!" Ojo said. "I can't come out now. I'm taking a nap with Snowbear. I think we'll be napping until after Doc Hogg leaves."



Bear poked his head under the covers. Ojo looked a little scared. She was holding Snowbear very tightly. "What's wrong, Ojo?" Bear asked.

"I don't want to see Doc Hogg," Ojo told Bear. "He's going to give me a shot, and it's going to hurt!"

"You mean your vaccination shot?" asked Bear. "I understand how you feel, Ojo. Shots can be scary, but vaccinations are very important. They help keep you from getting sick later."



Ojo looked confused. "But, Bear," Ojo said, "how can something that hurts be *good* for me?"

"It will only hurt for a minute, Ojo, and then you'll be up and on your way," Bear said as he gave Ojo a hug. "When I was a bear cub, I was afraid of shots, too. So Doc Hogg taught me a little song. It goes like this:

*Just say "ow!"
Say it now—
Just say "ow!"
And it's over.*





"Is it really that easy, Bear?" Ojo asked.

"It sure is, Ojo. By the time you finish singing the song, your shot will be over. Now, come on. Let's go see Doc Hogg."

"Okay, Bear," replied Ojo.

Bear took Ojo's hand, and together they went downstairs.



"Here's my favorite little bear cub!" Doc Hogg said cheerfully when he saw Ojo. "How are you feeling today, Ojo?"

"Well, I was scared about getting my vaccination shot, but Bear taught me a song, and now I'm not as afraid," Ojo told everyone. "I'm ready for my checkup!"

So, Doc Hogg checked Ojo from her nose to her toes. And when it was time for her vaccination, Ojo sang Doc Hogg's little song:

*Just say "ow!"
Say it now—
Just say "ow!"
And it's over.*



And the shot was over, quick as you can say "ow!"



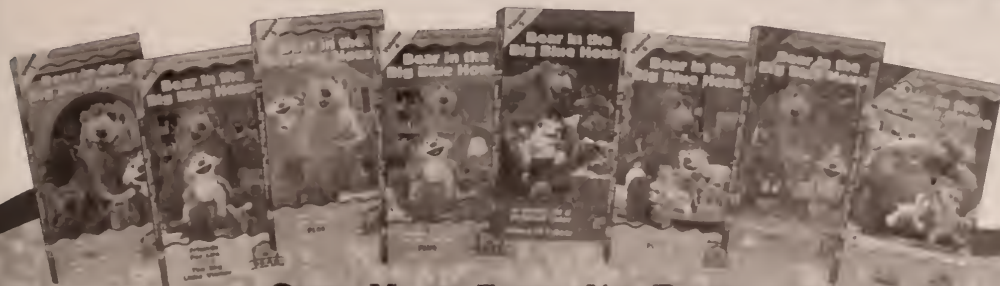
When he finished Ojo's checkup, Doc Hogg handed out special bandages to everyone.

"Thanks, Doc Hogg," Ojo said, sticking one on her hand.

"No, thank you, Ojo!" Doc Hogg chuckled. "You were a very brave patient!"

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